

Applicant: Gary Ekin
App. Title: Stringed Musical Instrument

Declaration For Patent Application

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I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

STRINGED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

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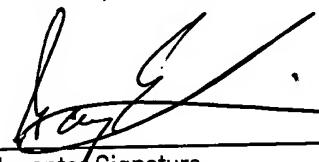
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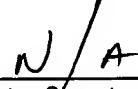


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